

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed concerning his encounter with JOHN WARNOCK HINCKLEY, JR., during early March, 1981.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] the Vanderbilt Energy Corporation, owned by JOHN WARNOCK HINCKLEY, SR. [redacted] advised that he has known the HINCKLEY family since 1974. He described HINCKLEY, SR. and his wife as fine religious people. Prior to the above encounter, [redacted] never met HINCKLEY, JR.

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[redacted] advised that he was with HINCKLEY, SR. in Phoenix, Arizona, last week at the Vanderbilt Corporation's annual meeting. HINCKLEY, SR. intimated to [redacted] that his son (HINCKLEY, JR.) is so different, "out of it", and sick. The shooting incident has been a heavy burden to HINCKLEY, SR. and the family. [redacted] advised that during early March, 1981, possibly a Sunday morning, HINCKLEY, SR. telephoned him, saying that his son (HINCKLEY, JR.) was stranded in a New York City hotel without money. HINCKLEY, SR. asked [redacted] to lend his son enough money to get to the airport. HINCKLEY, SR. told [redacted] not to lend him too much money.

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[redacted] advised that HINCKLEY, JR. arrived at his residence later that morning. [redacted] described HINCKLEY, JR. as very quiet, and reticent. HINCKLEY, JR. appeared, "mixed up" for he always stood back and never looked directly at [redacted] or his wife. [redacted] stated that HINCKLEY, JR. appeared, "starry-eyed".

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Since HINCKLEY, JR. arrived during breakfast, [redacted] repeatedly insisted he have something to eat. Although HINCKLEY, JR. admitted he had had no breakfast, he refused to eat.

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[redacted] gave HINCKLEY \$30.00. HINCKLEY, JR. then left the apartment. [redacted] advised that his encounter with HINCKLEY lasted approximately five minutes. HINCKLEY, JR. refused transportation to the airport.

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[ ] believes that HINCKLEY was going to Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, to take a flight back to Colorado.

[ ] recalls that in late 1980, he was at a meeting with HINCKLEY, SR. HINCKLEY, SR. told him that they had lost track of his son (HINCKLEY, JR.), immediately following the day that JOHN LENNON was shot. HINCKLEY, SR. advised that his son was in deep mourning over the shooting.

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[ ] advised that from his encounter with HINCKLEY, JR., and from his knowledge of the HINCKLEY family, JOHN WARNOCK HINCKLEY, JR. must be mentally unstable, to act as he did (shooting President REAGAN).